

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of housing units allotted by the Chandigarh Housing Board to the eligible persons during the last two years are as under:-

November 1989 to Oct. 1990 : 49

November 1990 to Oct. 1991 : 62

Food Processing Industries in Maharashtra

2182. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the belt along Virar Vasai area in Maharashtra is rich in production of fruits;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up processing industries to utilise the fruits from that area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) Mango, Banana and Cashew fruits are grown in the belt along virar-vasai area in Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any proposal to set up food processing industries directly in any State. However, this Ministry has formulated several plan schemes under which assistance is provided to the State Govts., Cooperative Societies, Public sector undertakings etc., for development of industries. No proposal from the State Govt. of Maharashtra has been received for seeking

assistance to set up fruit industries in Virar-Vasai area.

Expansion of HMT Unit in Aurangabad

2183. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the existing HMT unit located at Aurangabad (Maharashtra);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). HMT does not have any immediate plan to take up major expansion at the Dairy Machinery Unit in Aurangabad. Technological upgradation of its existing products is, however, being pursued by the Unit.

Diseases caused by Orissa sands Complex

2184. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Orissa Sands Complex at Gopalpur in Orissa is the cause of cancer and several other dreaded diseases among the people living in that region;

(b) whether the local people are mostly affected by these diseases due to the pollution by the Orissa Sands Complex;

(c) whether some experts have also expressed their opinions in this regard;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have